## **Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church**



### Українська Католицька Церква Успення Пресвятої Богородиці

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# Why Go To Church?

- · One cannot avoid this moral duty and go on unaffected. When one stops participating in Sunday service:
- He loses the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- His conscience soon becomes deadened
- This leads to a deterioration in attitudes and conduct

## 14th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

#### 14<sup>та</sup> НЕДІЛЯ після ЗІСЛАННЯ СВЯТОГО ДУХА

The Beheading of the Honourable and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John Усікновення чесної голови чесного і славного Пророка, Предтечі і Хрестителя Йоана. August 29th, 2021 A.D.

The Servant of God Venerable Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky speaks beautifully of the significance of the Gospel for our human life and holiness: "In my opinion," he says, "the source of our failures and of all the plagues that afflict our church and national life, is our failure to apply ourselves seriously to living our Christianity and the teachings of the Gospel, and for this reason, we do not convey to others the aura of holiness ... The Gospel is the road to heaven; it is a life without blemish, without reproach, without vice; it is a pure, innocent, holy life by which mortal man or woman aspires to emulate the heavenly angels. The Gospel is the way of the cross leading to the hill of Golgotha. The Christian life is a life in which each person carries a cross, suffers, and follows in the footsteps of Jesus Christ ... Life according to the teachings of the Gospel is the supernatural life of God's grace, a life of God's love and of the sacrifice for God or in a word: it is a life in which each person seeks and aspires to holiness of life."

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! - Glory to Him Forever! Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky! Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віки! Christ is among us! - He is and will be!

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit.

- Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

## **Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak:**

Lord, Our God,

We thank you for the life that is your gift,

For the providence that sustains us,

And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days. The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today.

This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.

We humbly beg you, loving Lord,

Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus. Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Молитва у Часі Спалаху Коронавірусу:

Господи, Боже наш,

Дякуємо Тобі за життя, яке є Твоїм даром,

За провидіння, яке нас підтримує,

I за Твою мудрість, яка спрямовує хід наших днів.

Сьогодні перед нами загроза зараження коронавірусом.

Ця хвороба викликає страх серед нас і забирає життя.

Ми смирено просимо Тебе, люблячого Господа,

Розвій наш страх і позбав нас від цієї та усіх інших хвороб.

Вилікуй тих, хто страждає, і зупини поширення вірусу.

Зміцнюй нас у благодаті, щоб ми дбали одні про одних.

Бо Ти - Бог милосердя, доброти та любові, і ми прославляємо

Тебе Отця, Сина і Святого Духа, нині, і повсякчас і на віки вічні.

Амінь.

Please contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special intentions, such as: In Thanksgiving for Favours Received, the Infirm, General Intentions, Repose of the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, Students, Workers, etc. In case of emergency phone (250) 299-7249. If you would like to come to Confession, meet with the parish priest individually at the church or parish office, receive spiritual care and support via telephone or internet, want him to visit you, your relative or friend at their home, hospital or care homes, please, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.

#### Liturgical propers in English language:

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,\* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,\* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.\* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death\* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 2: The just man is remembered with praises,\* but for you the Lord's testimony suffices, O Forerunner,\* for you truly became more honourable than the prophets\* and were deemed worthy to baptize the One foretold.\* Then you suffered for the truth and joyfully announced to those in Hades\* that God appeared in the flesh taking away the sin of the world\* and offering us great mercy.

#### Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion**, Tone 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades,\* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.\* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,\* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.\* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

#### Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion**, Tone 5: The Forerunner's glorious beheading\* came to be a form of dispensation divine\* that he might proclaim to those in Hades\* the message of the coming of the Saviour.\* Lets Herodias shed tears of lament\* for a lawless murder that was her request;\* for she loved a false and transitory age\* rather than God's law and the age of life.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us\* from this generation and for ever.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. (Psalm 11:8,2)

Verse: The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Epistles: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (NRSV)



Brothers and Sisters, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment. But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Acts 13:25-32 (NRSV)

In those days, as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.' "My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize him or understand the words of the prophets that are read every sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning him. Even though they found no cause for a sentence of death, they asked Pilate to have him killed. When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors.

Alleluia, Tone 5: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation, I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. (Psalm 88:2,3)

Verse: The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon. (Psalm 91:13)

Gospels: Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)

The Lord spoke this parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Mark 6:14-30 (NRSV)

At that time, King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

**Communion Hymns**: Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)

At the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy, we say an additional prayer for peace in Ukraine, and healing of the World let us pray:

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

**Тропар** (елас 5): Рівнобезначальне з Отцем і Духом Слово,\* що від Діви народилося на спасіння наше,\* прославмо, вірні, і поклонімся,\* бо Воно благозволило тілом зійти на хрест\* і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити померлих\* славним воскресінням Своїм.

**Тропар** (г. 2): Пам'ять праведного з похвалами\* і Тобі вистачає свідчення Господнє, предтече,\* бо Ти показався воістину і від пророків чесніший,\* бо у струях сподобився хрестити Проповіданого.\* Тому за істину пострадав Ти, радуючися,\* благовістив Ти і тим, що в аді, Бога, явленого в тілі,\* що взяв гріх світу і подає нам велику милість. (2 р.)

#### +Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

**Кондак** (елас 5): До аду, Спасе мій, зійшов Ти,\* і, як всемогутній, сокрушивши його брами,\* Ти, Чоловіколюбче, як Творець, воскресив з Собою померлих,\* жало смерти вирвав, й Адама від прокляття визволив.\* Тому всі до Тебе взиваємо:\* Спаси нас, Господи!

#### І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

**Кондак** (елас 5): Предтечі славне усікновення було якось божественним задумом,\* щоб і тим, що в аді, проповів Спасове пришестя.\* Нехай, отже, ридає Іродіяда, що випросила беззаконне вбивство,\* бо возлюбила не закон божий, ні живий вік,\* але – лукавий і дочасний.

**Прокімен** (глас 5): Ти, Господи, збережеш нас і захистиш нас\* від роду цього і повік (Ps 11,8).

**Стих**: Спаси мене, Господи, бо не стало праведного (Ps 11,2). Возвеселиться праведник у Господі і уповає на нього (Пс. 63,11)

Апостол: (Корінтян 1, 21 – 2, 4)

Братт і Сестри, той, хто утверджує нас з вами у Христі і хто помазав нас, то Бог, який поклав на нас свою печать і дав у наші серця завдаток Духа. Я ж призиваю Бога на мою душу, що я, щадячи вас, не прийшов більш у Коринт. Не наче б ми панували над вашою вірою, але ми хочемо співпрацювати вам на радість; бо ви щодо віри стоїте твердо. Я постановив не приходити до вас знов у смутку; бо коли я вам завдаю смутку, хто мене розважить, як не той, що зазнає від мене смутку? Написав я, отже, щоб, коли прийду, не мати смутку від тих, від кого мені належалася б радість; бо я

відносно вас певний, що моя радість – радість усіх вас. З великого бо горя та туги серця писав я вам, і крізь ревні сльози, не щоб ви сумували, але щоб знали мою любов до вас надмірну.

#### Апостолів 13, 25-33.

В тих днях, сповнивши свій шлях, Іван мовив: «Я не той, за кого ви мене вважаєте; он іде за мною той, якому я не гідний взуття розв'язати». Мужі брати, сини роду Авраама, і ті між вами, що бояться Бога! Вам послане слово цього спасіння. Та мешканці Єрусалиму і князі їхні не визнали його і, засудивши його, сповнили слова пророків, які читаються щосуботи. І не найшовши в ньому ніякої вини смерти, вимагали у Пилата вбити його. А коли виконали все, що було написано про нього, зняли його з хреста й поклали до гробу. Та Бог воскресив його з мертвих, і він багато днів являвся тим, що прийшли з ним з Галилеї в Єрусалим, які й тепер свідками його перед народом. І ми звіщаємо вам ту обітницю, що була дана батькам нашим. Бог її здійснив нам, їхнім дітям, воскресивши Ісуса, як написано у другому псалмі: Ти – мій син; я породив тебе сьогодні.

**Алилуя** (глас 5): Милості Твої, Господи, оспівуватиму повік, і з роду в рід сповіщу устами моїми Твою вірність (Ps 88,2). **Стих**: Бо сказав Ти: Повік милість збудується, на небесах приготовиться істина Твоя (Ps 88,3).

Стих: Праведник, як фінік, розцвіте і, як кедр на Ливані, виросте (Пс. 91,13).

#### **Євангеліє**: (Матея 22, 1-14.)

Сказав Господь притиу оцю: Царство небесне схоже на царя, що справив своєму синові весілля. Він послав своїх слуг кликати запрошених на весілля, але вони не хотіли прийти. Тоді він знову послав інших слуг, кажучи: Скажіть запрошеним: ось я зготував обід мій, зарізано волів та годовану худобу, все готове, ідіть на весілля. Та вони ним знехтували й пішли геть, хто на власне поле, хто до свого крамарства; інші ж, схопивши слуг, знущалися з них і вбили. Розгнівався цар і вислав військо, яке вигубило тих убивців, а їхнє місто спалило. Тоді він мовив своїм слугам: Обід готовий, але запрошені були негідні. Підіть, отже, на роздоріжжя, і кого лише здибаєте, кличте на весілля. Вийшли ці слуги на дороги й зібрали всіх, кого тільки спіткали, і злих і добрих, так що весільна світлиця була повна гостей. Як же ввійшов цар, щоб подивитися на гостей, побачив там чоловіка, що не був убраний у весільну одіж, і сказав до нього: Як ти ввійшов сюди, друже, не маючи весільної одежі? Той мовчав. Тоді цар промовив до слуг: Зв'яжіть йому ноги й руки й киньте геть у темряву кромішню. Там буде плач і скрегіт зубів. Багато бо покликаних, але мало вибраних.

#### (Марка 6, 14-30)

В той час почув цар Ірод про Ісуса, бо ім'я його стало явним, — і казав, що Іван Христитель воскрес із мертвих, і тому чудодійні сили діють у ньому. Інші ж твердили: то — Ілля, а ще інші: то пророк — один із пророків. Дочувши про те, Ірод мовив: То Іван, якому я відтяв голову; він устав із мертвих. Бо то був той Ірод, що послав був схопити Івана і зв'язав його в темниці задля Іродіяди, жінки Филипа, свого брата, бо оженився був з нею. 18. Іван казав Іродові: Не личить тобі мати жінку брата твого. Іродіяда ж лютилась на нього й бажала убити його, та не могла, бо Ірод боявся Івана, знаючи, що він був чоловік справедливий і святий, і беріг його. Слухаючи його, він дуже непокоївся, однак слухав його охоче. Як же настав сприятливий час, коли Ірод у день свого народження справляв бенкет для своїх вельмож, тисячників та знатних галилейських, увійшла дочка тієї Іродіяди, танцювала і догодила Іродові та гостям. Цар сказав дівчині: Проси в мене, чого бажаєш, я дам тобі, хоч би й половину мого царства. Вийшла вона й каже матері: Чого маю просити? Вона ж відповіла: Голову Івана Христителя! І зараз же, увійшовши хутенько до царя, дівчина попросила: Хочу, щоб ти дав мені негайно на полумиску голову Івана Христителя. Цар вельми засмутився, та задля присяги й гостей не хотів їй відмовити. І послав цар відразу свого прибічника, наказавши йому принести голову Івана. Пішов той, відтяв йому голову у в'язниці, приніс її на полумиску й подав дівчині, а дівчина дала її матері. Учні його довідавшись про те, прийшли й узяли його тіло та поклали його до гробу. Апостоли вернулися до Ісуса й розповіли йому про все, що робили й чого навчали.

**Причасні:** Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). \* В пам'ять вічну буде праведник, злих слухів не убоїться (Пс. 111,6-7). \* Алилуя (х3).

#### THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ШИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all Christian people of the good will who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, every person who knowingly or unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully make donations, organized and attended 30th Anniversary fo Ukraine's Independence Day celebration, cared and helped our parish community in various ways and projects inside and outside our parish by keeping and sharing their Christian love, respect and unity in Christ by looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church communities!

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PRAY FOR UKRAINE



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Sunday of August 22, 2021 A.D.: The Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am: Member Envelopes: \$695.00

Cheque: \$100.00 Cheque: \$250.00=\$360.00=\$1,055.00

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> "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS! ШИРО ВАС ВІТАЄМО!**

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Volodymyr Hnat on his birthday (Aug. 31th), Anastasia Tomashevska on her birthday (Aug. 31th), Mr. Andriy and Mrs. Lesia Tomashevski on their 19th wedding anniversary (Sept. 1st), Mrs. Helen (Hylda) Onyskiw on her birthday (Sept. 2nd), Katrina Billinton on her birthday (Sept. 3rd), name days / heavenly patron's feastdays and any other special anniversaries this week Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita / Many Blessed Years of Life!

#### **NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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Your spiritual father-pastor is praying privately for all of you daily! Please pray for one another and especially for those who are ill, suffering be being affected by wildfires and other disasters, following Covid-19 Pandemic safety plan, participate via facebook streamings and other on-line church services, stay healthy and safe! Let us be responsible to ensure that we all stay safe and healthy. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US BY PRAYING TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD AT THE CHURCH AND ON-LINE! Wishing you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace, good health, unity, and Christian love today and always!

#### Daily Liturgical and Sacramental Services celebrated during this week:

Sunday, August 29th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Services in Kelowna, BC)

at 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends (in Eng. and Ukr.)

Panakhyda / Memorial Service: repose of the souls of Myron and Semen (requested by The Tomashevsky's Family)

Saturday, September 4th at 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, relatives and friends. (Church services in Penticton, BC)

Sunday, September 5th at 8:15 a.m. Rosary: (Services in Kelowna, BC)

at 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family members, all relatives and friends (in English.)

at 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all our parishioners, family

members, all relatives and friends (in Ukrainian)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Alix W., Keyton A., Keyton A., Dylan A., Torin S., Sabre S. Ryder M., Kit C., Shirley C., Olga Kuzyk, George Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Roma Nowakowski, Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, John Bulych, Joseph Stetch, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk, Marilyn Daulat and Family, Shelley Zemliak, Ron Horon, Adeline Sorochuk, Taras Hryb, relatives of The Burachok Family, and all members of our parochial family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends and neighbours; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation.

<u>SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS</u>: Dear parishioners, if our brother or sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him or her know that our parish community misses his or her at the church very much and prays for them daily! We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion: You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry: Baptisms: by appointment. Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. Reconciliation: by appointment. Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time. Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time). Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

**Devotional Services to Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky**: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm(CDT), Live-Streaming on the YouTube Shrine Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Og0D2DhlpU Website: Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine: https://bvmartyrshrine.com/





VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it

might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



МОЛИТА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона

була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас.

YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT OF OTHERS: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church as well. In consideration of other Christians, please do not leave any itemsl in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building safe and cleant. Thank you very much for your understanding, help and care

Please be aware and remember that your help is always appreciated, and we still need more parishioners to volunteer!

Thank you for your support and care at this uneasy Covid-19 Pandemic time for us all. "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!"

BE A STEWARD: Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish-church? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others! Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc. VOLUNTEERS HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED: to help out with weekly cleaning in the church, cutting the grass and maintaining the lawn, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, contact Mrs. Yvonne Crawford or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life! Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home-parish church! NOTE: If you wish to place your message or announcement into our weekly parish bulletin, please sent it by email to the office at dormitionkelowna@gmail.com by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.

JOIN OUR CHURCH CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our Dormition Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk for more information and details.

If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our parish community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899

Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts and his family take a part of annual vacation from Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 A.D. In case of emergency, please, call Roman Catholic Church.



**Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish**: Kovbasa / Garlic Sausage - \$ 10.00 per 1-pound ring, Pie - \$ 9.00. If you need more information or to place your order, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870 or Mrs. Olena Fedorov at 778-821-0759.

FAITHFUL GIVING ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tornaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not.



Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive, possitive and generous!

Rachel's Corner: ""I stand up on Father's Day in church now, when all the fathers are asked to stand. I AM a father! They are just in Heaven. Rachel's Vineyard helped me see that." - Testimonial

Have you fully acknowledged and accepted, that you truly ARE a father? Does your regret and shame get in the way? Join the men on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Be free of what stands in the way. Join men and women on a Rachel Retreat of healing. www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com Like us on Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna



#### The Cult of Saint John the Baptist in the Eastern Church

In the East, the cult of Saint John the Baptist is very ancientand popular. The veneration of his relics in various localities bears witness to this; other witnesses include the numerous icons reverenced by the faithful, the great number of churches erected in his honor, and the many feasts celebrated in his honor during the Church Year. We have:

#### The Feast of his Conception on September 23

This feast is associated with the feasts of the Annunciation and the Nativity of our Lord, for the conception of St. John was six months before the birth of Christ. The feast of the Conception seems to have originated at the end of the fourth century, but not until the end of the seventh century do we haveclear and universal evidence regarding it, in the Coptic Menologies, and the testimonies of St. Jerome and Venerable Bede. The Sinai Gospel of 715 does not include this feast. Although St. John Chrysostom has a sermon on the feast of John's Conception, it is of doubtful authenticity. Of all the feasts of St. John the Baptist, that of his Nativity (June 24) is the greatest. This feast, like that of his Conception, was already known in the fourth century. We have sermons on this feast given by St. John Chrysostom, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine. In his sermon for this day Saint Augustine says: "Today we are celebrating the Nativity of St. John is an honor which no other saint enjoys. Throughout the entire Christian world, only two persons

are honored in their nativity: our Lord Jesus Christ and St. John the Baptist." St Augustine does not mention the feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God here, since this feast had not yet been instituted. In the West, we find the feast of the Nativity of St John the Forerunner in the oldest calendar of the African Church from the fifth century.

At the time we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of St. John, in pre-Christian times our people had the custom of celebrating the feast of Kupalo. In regard to the festival of Kupalo in Ukraine, Professor S. Kylymnyk says: "The greatest, most exuberant festival, which ended the summer solstice cycle of the pre-Christian calendar festivals — was the festival of youth — of boys and girls — called "Kupalo or KupQjlo", which after the acceptance of Christianity was associated with the church festival of the Nativity of John the Baptist. Hence this feast bears the double name of "John Kupalo". The rites and songs

earliest times, to pristine poetry and rituals in honor of the life-giver, the sun. " (The Ukrainian Folk Year from the Historical Perspective, Vol. IV, p. 99).

#### The Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist on August 29

associated with the festival "Kupalo", like the spring songs and dances, reach back to the

King Herod Antipas, son of King Herod the Great, who ordered the massacre of the children of Bethlehem, dismissed his first wife and unlawfully cohabited with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. Saint John the Forerunner publicly rebuked Herod for the scandal he was giving; and for this he had to pay with his life. Herodias took revenge on him in a foul manner, by inducing Herod to have him beheaded. A pious legend relates that the severed head of John the Baptist even on the platter spoke, saying: 'You cannot have your brother's wife." As a result, Herodias was believed to have pierced John's tongue with a needle. Fearing, lest he rise from the dead and his head join his body, she buried the head on the premises of the palace The disciple of St. John took his body and buried Sebaste, in Samaria.



Testimony concerning this feast from the fifth century. The Missal of Pope Galasius has the feast. St. Andrew of Crete composed the service for the Beheading of St. John (7c), along with St. John Damascene and the Patriarch, Germanus (8c). From the earliest times, on this day the Eastern Church has observed a strict fast in honor of the suffering and death of the saintly Forerunner.

#### The First and Second Finding of His Head

The Eastern Church celebrates the triple finding of the head of St. John the Baptist. We learn of its finding from the works of St. Cyprian Martyr, the church historians Sozomen, Nicephor, and others.

According to a venerable tradition, the righteous Joanna, wife of Chusa, who was the steward in Herod's palace, saw where Herodias had buried the head of St. John. She exhumed it at night, placed it in a vessel and hid it on the Mt. of Olives, near Jerusalem. Here the holy head lay hidden for over 300 years until the Christians discovered it while erecting a church on that site. This was the first finding of the head and numerous miracles were performed at this site. In the course of time, however, the location of the holy head seems to have been forgotten.

During the time of the Emperor Constantine the Great, two monks came from Syria to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places. St. John the Baptist appeared to them in a vision and showed them where his head lay hidden. They took it with them and, returning home, gave it to a potter from Emesa in Syria. For a long time the head was kept by this potter's family. Later, however, an Arian named Eustachius took the head and buried it in a cave. Some time later a monastery was built on this spot and St. John appeared in a vision to the superior of the monastery and again revealed the location of the head. This second finding of the head occurred in 452 A.D.

The historian, Sozomen, writes that at the command of the Emperor Marcianus the holy head was transferred to Constantinople. A single feast, on February 24, commemorates the first and second finding of the head of St. John the Baptist.

#### The Third Finding of the Head on May 25

During the time of the Iconoclastic wars of the eighth century, the head of the Forerunner was taken from Constantinople and hidden in Comana in Asia Minor, where Saint John Chrysostom died in exile. During the reign of Emperor Michael, the head was found for the third time in 857 A.D., and was again transferred to Constantinople with great solemnity. During the crusades, a Latin priest was alleged to have taken it.

The Synaxis of the Forerunner and Baptizer John The next day following the feast of the Theophany of the Lord, on the 7th of January, the Eastern Church celebrates the Synaxis of St. John the Baptist. On this day the faithful gather together to pay special veneration to St. John as the one privileged to baptize the Lord.

Here it may be appropriate to recall that on September 5 our Church observes the memory of the righteous Zachary and Elizabeth, the parents of St. John the Baptist.

By his heroic life St .John the Baptist teaches us that noble and holy ideals can only grow from love, dedication and sacrifice. Without the spirit of sacrifice, no service of God, no love of neighbor, no habits of virtue, no heroic act is possible.

The instruction which we find in our Slavonic Prologue for the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Forerunner, concludes with these words: "Therefore, brothers, let us too, enjoy this glorious feast of the Forerunner of the Lord and let us adorn ourselves with good deeds.

Let us imitate this great prophet John, whom the Lord has set as an example before all who wish to be saved... We must not be



Christian only in word, but we must also perform good deeds, in order to appear without reproach at the Last Judgment, when the servant cannot help the master, nor the father the son, nor the mother the daughter, nor brother his brother, but where only good works can lead us into eternal life, and only evil deeds can cast us in shame into the place of torment — from which place may the Lord God deliver us, to whom be glory now and forever."

#### КУЛЬТ СВЯТОГО ЙОАНА ХРЕСТИТЕЛЯ У СХІДНІЙ ЦЕРКВІ

Культ святого Йоана Хрестителя на Сході дуже давній і дуже поширений. Свідком того є почитання його святих мощей у різних місцях; велика кількість церков у його честь; численна іконографія, аж шість празників у церковному році. Це такі празники:

#### 1. Празник Зачаття Йоана Хрестителя — 23 вересня

Цей празник пов'язаний з празниками Благовіщення і Христового Різдва, бо зачаття святого Йоана було шість місяців перед зачаттям Ісуса Христа, а його різдво за шість місяців перед Христовим Різдвом. Достовірні свідчення про празник Зачаття на Сході й Заході маємо щойно з VII століття у місяцесловах коптийському, святого Єроніма і Беди Преподобного. Синайське Євангеліє з 715 року ще цього празника не має. Святий Йоан Золотоустий має проповідь на празник Зачаття, але її автентичність — сумнівна.

#### 2. Різдво святого Йоана Хрестителя — 24 червня

Це найбільший з усіх празників святого Йоана Хрестителя. Як празник його зачаття, так і цей празник уже знали в IV сторіччі. Науки на цей празник маємо від святого Йоана Золотоустого, святого Амвросія і святого Августина. Останній у своїй проповіді цього дня каже: "Сьогодні празнуємо день різдва святого

Йоана. Це честь, якої, на нашу думку, не має ні один святий. У всьому християнському світі почитають тільки день Різдва Господа і святого Йоана". Святий Августин не згадує тут про празник Різдва Божої Матері, бо в той час цього празника ще не було. На Заході празник Різдва святого Йоана Предтечі засвідчений в найдавнішому календарі африканської Церкви з V ст.

У той часі, коли сьогодні святкуємо Різдво Йоана Хрестителя, наш народ у дохристиянські часи відзначав свято Купала. Про свято Купала в Україні проф. С. Килимник каже: "Найвище, найвибуяліше свято, яким закінчується літній соняшний цикл річних календарних дохристиянських свят — це свято молоді — хлопців та дівчат — КУПАЛО або КУПАЙЛО, що з часом після прийняття християнства, з'єдналося із святом церковним — народженням Йоана Хрестителя. Тому й носить це свято подвійну назву — "ІВАН КУПАЛО"... Купальська обрядовість та пісні належать, як гаївки та коляди, до найдавніших часів, до первісних поезій та ритуалів на честь життєподателя — сонця" (Український рік у народних звичаях, Т. IV, с. 99).



#### 3. Празник Усікновення Голови — 29 серпня

Ірод Антипа, син Ірода, що наказав замордувати вифлеємських дітей, свою першу жінку відпустив і жив незаконно з жінкою свого брата Филипа. Святий Йоан Предтеча прилюдно ганьбив Ірода за його поведінку. І за те заплатив своїм життям. Іродіяда помстилася Йоанові і в дуже нечесний спосіб дістала від Ірода його голову. Побожна легенда каже, що відтята Йоанова голова ще на полумиску говорила: "Не можна тобі мати жінку брата твого". За те Іродіяда нібито голкою колола його язик. А боячись, щоб він не воскрес, коли б голова злучилася з тілом, вона закопала голову на подвір'ї палати.

Учні святого Йоана взяли його тіло і поховали в Севасті в Самарії. Свідчення про цей празник маємо з V ст. Його містить Служебник папи Геласія (492-496). Службу Усікновенню уклали святий Андрій Критський (VII ст. ), святий Йоан Дамаскин і патріярх Герман (VIII ст. ). Східна Церква від найдавніших часів цього дня зберігає строгий піст на честь мук і смерти святого Предтечі.

#### 4. Перше і Друге Знайдення Голови

Східна Церква святкує потрійне знайдення голови святого Йоана Хрестителя. Про її знайдення довідуємося з творів священномученика Кипріяна, церковних істориків Созомена й Никифора та инших.

Праведна Іванна, жінка Хуси, що був управителем палати Ірода, бачила, де Іродіяда закопала голову святого Йоана. Вона вночі викопала голову, поклала до посудини і поховала на Єлеонській горі коло Єрусалима. Тут спочивала свята голова понад 300 літ аж до часу, коли на тому місці християни будували церкву і знайшли голову. При тому діялися чуда. Це було перше знайдення голови. Вона й надалі там залишилася, і через якийсь час про неї забули.

За цісаря Костянтина Великого два монахи прийшли з Сирії до Єрусалима, щоб поклонитися святим місцям. Їм явився святий Йоан Хреститель і показав, де схована його голова. Вони взяли її з посудиною і, повертаючись додому, дали її одному гончареві з Ємеси в Сирії. Тривалий час голова переховувалася в його родині, а потім її отримав якийсь аріянин на ім'я Євстахій і закопав у печері. Коли ж через якийсь час на тому місці будували монастир, то настоятелеві монастиря явився святий Йоан і показав, де його голова. Це було друге знайдення голови в 452 році. Історик Созомен пише, що, за наказом цісаря Маркіяна, голову перенесено до Царгорода. Перше і друге знайдення голови святкують разом 24 лютого.

#### 5. Третє Знайдення Голови — 25 травня

У часи іконоборства в VIII ст. голову Предтечі взято з Царгорода і сховано в Команах у Малій Азії, на місці заслання і смерти святого Йоана Золотоустого. За цісаря Михайла у 857 році голову знайшли втретє і з великою почестю знову перенесли до Царгорода. Під час хрестоносних походів її забрав один латинський священик.

#### 6. Собор Предтечі і Хрестителя Йоана

Наступного дня після празника Господнього Богоявлення, 7 січня, Східна Церква празнує Собор святого Йоана Хрестителя. Цього дня вірні збиралися разом, щоб віддати святому Йоанові окрему честь за те, що він хрестив Христа Господа.

Годиться також згадати, що 5 вересня наша Церква святкує пам'ять праведних Захарії і Єлисавети, батьків святого Йоана Хрестителя.

Святий Йоан Хреститель своїм геройським життям учить нас, що високі і святі ідеали виростають тільки з любови, посвяти і жертви. Без духа жертви нема служби Богові, нема любови ближнього, нема чесноти, нема героїв.

Повчання, яке містить наш слов'янський Пролог на празник Різдва святого Йоана Предтечі, закінчується такими словами: "Тож і ми, брати, натішмося цим світлим празником Господнього Предтечі і прикрасімо себе добрими ділами. Наслідуймо цього великого пророка Йоана, що його Бог поставив за приклад усім, що хочуть спастися... Не сміємо бути християнами тільки на словах, але треба набувати добрі діла, щоб явитися без закиду на страшному суді, де не поможе слуга панові, ані батько синові, ані мати доньці, ані брат братові, але тільки добрі діла введуть нас у вічне життя, а злі діла зі стидом відженуть на муку. Хай від неї вибавить нас Господь Бог наш, що Йому слава нині і завжди і на віки віків".

#### Pope Francis emphasises about Listenning to The Word of Jesus.

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This is what Jesus' life was like: he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons" (Mk 1:39). Jesus who preaches and Jesus who heals. The whole day was like this: preaching to the people, teaching the Law, teaching the Gospel. And the people look for Him to listen to Him and also because He heals the sick.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.... And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons" (Mk 1:32, 34).

And we are before Jesus in this celebration: Jesus is the One who presides at this celebration. We are priests in the name of Jesus, but He is the President, He is the true Priest, who offers the sacrifice to the Father. We could ask ourselves whether we let Jesus preach to us. Each one of us: "Do I let Jesus preach to me, or I know know all? Do I listen to Jesus or do I prefer to listen to something else, perhaps people's gossip, or stories.". Listening to Jesus.

Listening to Jesus' preaching. "How can I do this, Father? On which TV channel does Jesus speak?". He speaks to you in the Gospel! And this is an attitude that we still do not have: to go to seek the word of Jesus in the Gospel. To always carry a Gospel with us, a small one, or to have one at our fingertips. Five minutes, 10 minutes.

When I am travelling or when I have to wait..., I take the Gospel from my pocket, or from my bag and I read something; or at home. And Jesus speaks to me, Jesus preaches to me there. It is the Word of Jesus. And we have to get accustomed to this: to

hear the Word of Jesus, to listen to the Word of Jesus in the Gospel. To read a passage, think a bit about what it says, what it is saying to me. If I don't feel it is speaking to me, I move to another.

But to have this daily contact with the Gospel, to pray with the Gospel; because this way Jesus preaches to me, He says with the Gospel what He wants to tell me. I know people who always carry it and when they have a little time they open it, and this way they always find the right word for the moment they are living in. This is the first thing I wanted to say to you: let the Lord preach to you. Listen to the Lord.

And Jesus heals: let yourselves be healed by Jesus.

We all have wounds, everyone: spiritual wounds, sins, hostility, jealousy; perhaps we don't say hello to someone: "Ah, he did this to me, I won't acknowledge him anymore". But this needs to be healed!

"How do I do it?". Pray and ask that Jesus heal it".

It's sad in a family when siblings don't speak to each other for a small matter; something stupid\*1, because the devil takes a small matter, something stupid and makes a world of it. Then hostilities go on, and multiply for many years, and that family is destroyed. Parents suffer because their children don't speak to each other, or one son's wife doesn't speak to the other, and thus, with jealousy, envy.... The devil sows this. The devil is the "father of hate", the "father of lies" who seeks disunity. But God wants unity. If in your heart you feel jealousy, this is the beginning of war. Jealousies are not of God. \*1

And the only One who casts out demons is Jesus. The only One who heals these matters is Jesus.

For this reason I say to each one of you: let yourself be healed by Jesus. Each one knows where his wounds are. Each one of us has them; we don't have only one: two, three, four, 20. Each one knows! May Jesus heal those wounds. But for this I must open my heart, in order that He may come. How do I open my heart? By praying. "But Lord, I can't with those people over there. I hate them. They did this, this and this...". "Heal this wound, Lord". If we ask Jesus for this grace, He will do it. Let yourself be healed by Jesus. Let Jesus heal you. Let Jesus preach to you and let Him heal you. This way I can even preach to others, to teach the words of Jesus, because I let Him preach to me; and I can also help heal many wounds, the many wounds that there are. But first I have to do it: let Him preach to me and heal me.

When the bishop comes to make a visit to the parishes, we do many things. We can also make a nice proposal, a small one: the proposal to read a passage of the Gospel every day, a short passage, in order to let Jesus preach to me. And the other proposal: to pray that I let myself be healed of the wounds I have. Agreed? Shall we sign? Okay? Let's do it, because this will be good for everyone. Thank you.

\*1 Vatican Radio 02.09.15

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